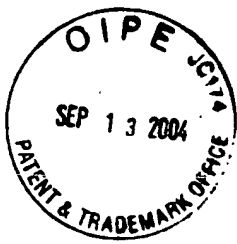


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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed March 11, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: